STAND. COM. REP. NO. 7/4 -14

Honolulu, Hawaii

Rebruary 12 , 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1929

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2014 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 1929 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FARMERS MARKETS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the labeling of out-of-state products sold at farmers' markets.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation and two individuals submitted testimony in support of the measure. The Department of Agriculture submitted comments on the measure.

Your Committee finds that the policies of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation prohibit the sale of out-of-state products at farmers' markets. Your Committee also finds that exempting the sale of produce at farmers' markets from the general excise tax will help to facilitate the purchase of fresh produce.

In light of these findings, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing language that requires the labeling of out-ofstate products sold at farmers' markets;
- (2) Defining the term "farmers' market" to mean an outdoor market where independent business operators sell agricultural products grown in Hawaii and value-added

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products that were produced using agricultural products grown in Hawaii; and

(3) Establishing a general excise tax exemption for produce that is sold at farmers' markets for human consumption within the State.

Your Committee respectfully requests that subsequent Committees to which this measure is referred consider amending the definition of "farmers' market" to integrate the language used in the definitions of the terms "Hawaii input" and "Hawaii products" in section 103D-1001, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1929, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1929, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Agriculture,

State of Hawaii House of Representatives HSCR 314-14 The Twenty-seventh Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 1929	Committee Referral:	Date:	2/3/20	014
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOOLEY, Jessica (C)				
2. ONISHI, Richard H.K. (VC)				
3. AWANA, Karen				· /
4. BROWER, Tom				
5. CACHOLA, Romy M.				
6. CHOY, Isaac W.				
7. OHNO, Takashi				
8. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
9. TSUJI, Clift				
10. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohi	lani			
11. WARD, Gene				
TOTAL (11)	10	,		
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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